# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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PER CAPITA INCOME IN RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have received the study report of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) wherein it has been mentioned that the per-capita income in the rural areas has been going down continuously for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the difference of per-capita income between the rural and urban areas as assessed by the Government;

(d) the reasons for this widening gap over the last few years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to minimize this gap?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN T MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINSTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTME OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): No, Sir. The Study Report received from the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) entitled "Development of Backward Areas : On Tackling the Five Most Immediate Priorities", does not indicate decline in per capita income in rural areas.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The per capita income differentials between urban and rural areas as measured by ratio of the net domestic product in the two areas as per available data are given below :

| Year | Ratio of Per Capita Urban Income to Rural Income |
|---|---|
| 1970-71 | 2.4 |
| 1980-81 | 2.3 |
| 1993-94 | 2.3 |

Data on later years are not available.

(d) & (e):The above data does not indicate a widening gap between the per capita incomes in urban and rural areas. The multiple of per capita income in urban to that in rural areas is found to decline from 2.4 times in 1970-71 to 2.3 times in 1980-81; it remained at the same level in 1993-94.